

# Chetworth Place Park

## History and Character

Chetworth Place Park is located at 810 Chetworth Place in the Northeast Old Town neighborhood. The park is located in the middle of a very active community amongst the townhouses of Michigan Court and Chetworth Place near Bashford Lane.

The Northeast Citizens' Association has adopted the park.

The 0.28 acre park features a passive lawn, seating, shade trees, and a playground. The playground, renovated in 2002 and is intended for ages 2-5. The playground consists of standard play equipment, swings, a drinking fountain, and wood chip surface.

## Existing Conditions Map



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Which of the following existing park elements would you like to preserve, enhance, or transform?					
Element	Park sign		Element	Kiosk	
Number of responses	18		Number of responses	16	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	14	78	Preserve it	9	56
Enhance it	4	22	Enhance it	3	19
Transform it	0	0	Transform it	4	25
Element	Playground		Element	Benches	
Number of responses	18		Number of responses	19	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	6	33	Preserve it	6	32
Enhance it	6	33	Enhance it	9	47
Transform it	6	33	Transform it	4	21
Element	Picnic tables		Element	Landscaping	
Number of responses	20		Number of responses	20	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	5	25	Preserve it	5	25
Enhance it	11	55	Enhance it	9	45
Transform it	4	20	Transform it	6	30
Element	Open lawn		Element	Fence	
Number of responses	20		Number of responses	19	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	9	45	Preserve it	14	74
Enhance it	6	30	Enhance it	4	21
Transform it	5	25	Transform it	1	5
Element	Fountain		Element	Trashcan	
Number of responses	17		Number of responses	19	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
Preserve it	11	65	Preserve it	15	79
Enhance it	4	23	Enhance it	4	21
Transform it	2	12	Transform it	0	0

## What is currently NOT in the park that you would like to see there?

1. "Big kid swings"
2. More equipment/spaces for older children. The play structure is small and geared towards the very young as are the swings. Would be great to add equipment for older kids- zip line, ropes course, seesaw, monkey bars. Also the large lawn goes unused and could make a great half basketball court or tennis court that would bring more neighbors to the park
3. A seesaw
4. Park has what it needs. But better maintenance and updated equipment would transform it.
5. Half basketball court Playground equipment for older children
6. Lighting, amenities for adults/teens, public art, recreation, exercise,
7. It'd be nice if there was also a big kid swing. Even if the set isn't changed, there could be one baby swing and one more big kid swing.
8. Play structures for tots, rubberized play flooring, innovative play structures
9. It isn't well maintained and attractive. My neighbors like to gather on occasion and could use more tables and flexible seating.
10. Better plants. It could be so much more pleasant

## Community Feedback

In Fall 2018, staff collected community feedback to understand how the park is used and how it could be improved in the future. The following information summarizes what we heard through an online survey and community workshop. Over 400 people responded to the survey in total, 21 of which were specific Chetworth Place Park. Staff used the collected information to develop the draft park plans.

## In 10 years, I would like this Park to...

(Top three rankings shown, based on a weighted score)

1. *Be a place to create social connections with neighbors*
2. *Be a safe place for children to explore*
3. *Have lots of activity*





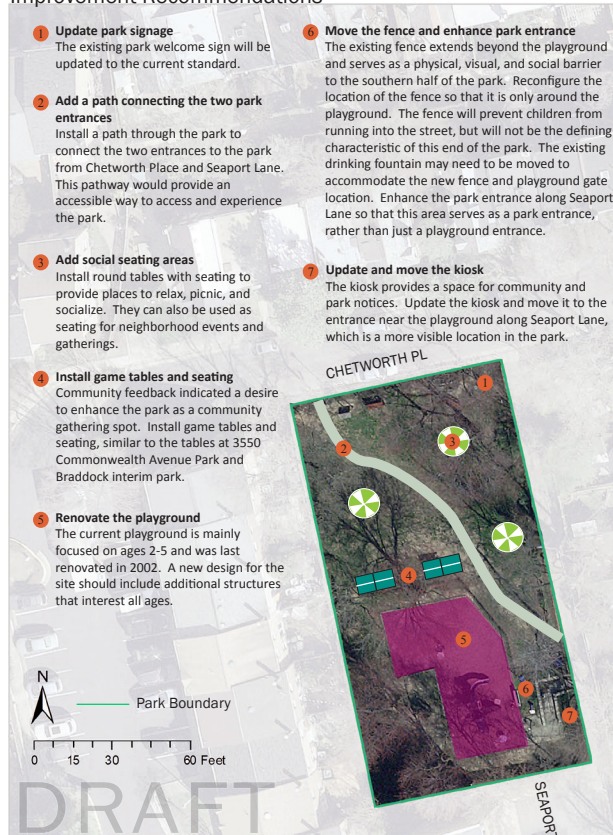
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Which of the following existing proposed park elements do you love, like, or not like?					
Recommendation	Park welcome sign		Recommendation	Path	
Number of responses	24		Number of responses	23	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	16	67	I love it!	8	35
I like it	8	33	I like it	5	22
I don't like it	0	60	I don't like it	10	43
Recommendation	Seating		Recommendation	Game tables & seating	
Number of responses	23		Number of responses	24	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	13	54	I love it!	9	38
I like it	8	33	I like it	7	29
I don't like it	3	13	I don't like it	8	33
Recommendation	Playground		Recommendation	Fence	
Number of responses	23		Number of responses	21	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	19	83	I love it!	12	57
I like it	14	17	I like it	6	29
I don't like it	0	0	I don't like it	3	14
Recommendation	Park entrance		Recommendation	Kiosk	
Number of responses	23		Number of responses	23	
Value	Count	Percent	Value	Count	Percent
I love it!	13	57	I love it!	11	48
I like it	9	39	I like it	11	48
I don't like it	1	4	I don't like it	1	4

In the summer of 2019 RPCA staff collected community feedback on the draft recommendations for improving this pocket park. The following information summarizes what was heard through online surveys and community feedback (see appendix for full results). The city received 716 responses in total, 24 of which were specific to Chetworth Place Park.

Based on information from the summer input phase, staff updated the plan to best represent current and future community needs. A major change to the draft park plan is the removal of the path through the park based on community feedback received. The community wants to preserve the existing open lawn and the proposed path would preclude this. The final plan was updated to reflect this.

## Improvement Recommendations



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### 1 Update park signage

Update the existing park welcome sign to the current city standard.

### 2 Create a seating area

Install moveable chairs to provide a place to relax and socialize. Moveable seating can be used for small neighborhood gatherings.

### 3 Install game tables

Community feedback indicated a desire to enhance the park as a community gathering spot. Install game tables, similar to the tables at 3550 Commonwealth Avenue Park and Braddock Interim Park.

### 4 Renovate the playground

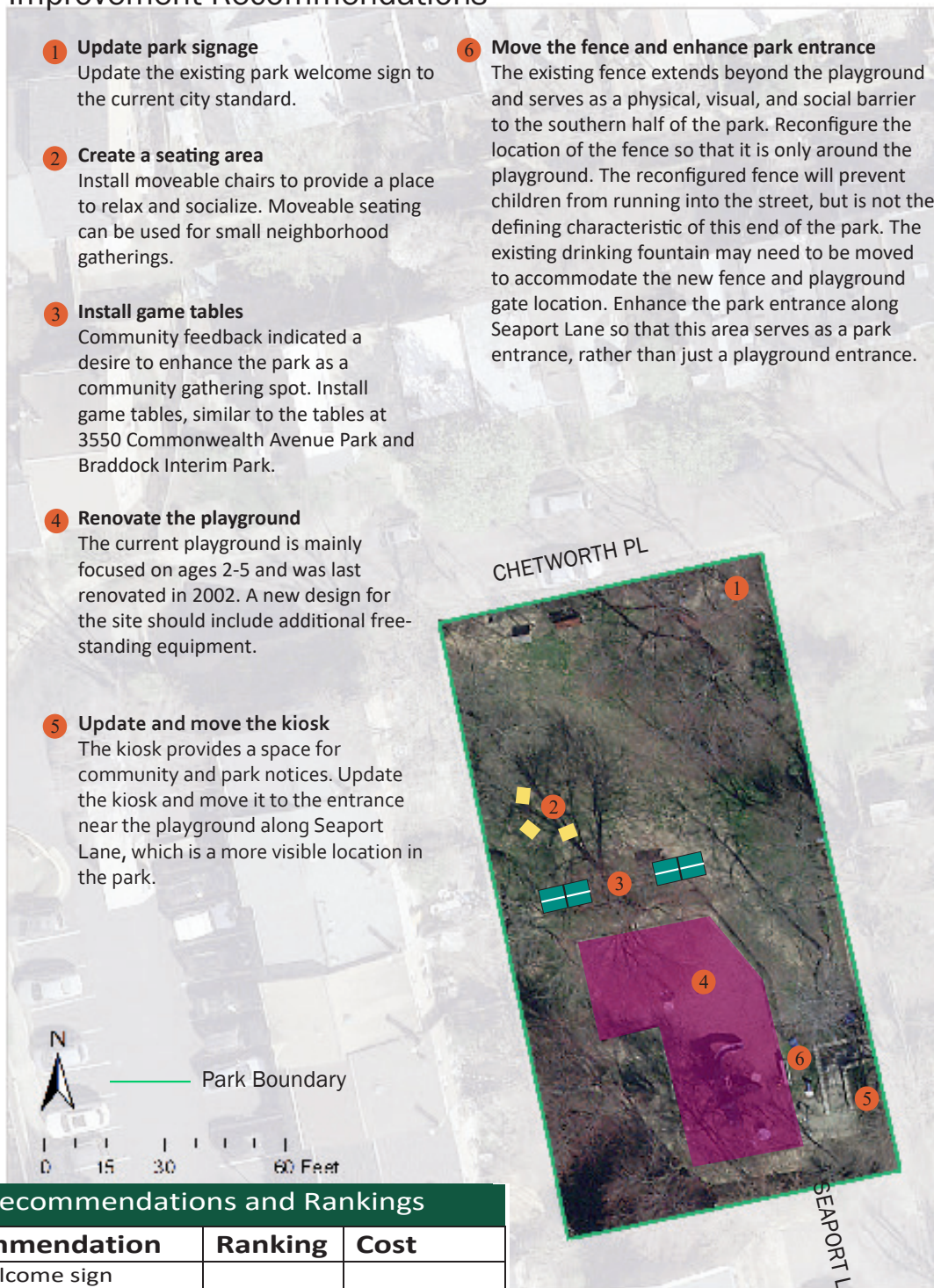
The current playground is mainly focused on ages 2-5 and was last renovated in 2002. A new design for the site should include additional free-standing equipment.

### 5 Update and move the kiosk

The kiosk provides a space for community and park notices. Update the kiosk and move it to the entrance near the playground along Seaport Lane, which is a more visible location in the park.

### 6 Move the fence and enhance park entrance

The existing fence extends beyond the playground and serves as a physical, visual, and social barrier to the southern half of the park. Reconfigure the location of the fence so that it is only around the playground. The reconfigured fence will prevent children from running into the street, but is not the defining characteristic of this end of the park. The existing drinking fountain may need to be moved to accommodate the new fence and playground gate location. Enhance the park entrance along Seaport Lane so that this area serves as a park entrance, rather than just a playground entrance.



## Recommendations and Rankings

Recommendation	Ranking	Cost
Park welcome sign		
Seating area		
Game tables & seating		
Playground		
Kiosk		
Reconfigure fence		

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